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[6-2] REMARKS BY THE HONOURABLE RENE BRUNELLE REGARDING
THE GERTLER REPORT

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IN MY CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ONTARIO PARKS
INTEGRATION BOARD, I HAVE TODAY HAD PLACED ON YOUR
DESKS A COPY OF THE NIAGARA ESCARPMENT STUDY
CONSERVATION AND RECREATION REPORT PREPARED BY
PROFESSOR LEONARD O. GERTLER, DIRECTOR OF THE
SCHOOL OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO.

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR, AND THE FINANCING OF,
THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT WAS CENTRED IN THE
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BRANCH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
TREASURY AND ECONOMICS. OTHER DEPARTMENTS
CONTRIBUTING ADVICE WERE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD,
ENERGY AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, HIGHWAYS, LANDS
AND FORESTS, MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, TOURISM AND INFOR-
MATION, AND THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.

THIS ATTRACTIVE BOOK HAS BEEN PREPARED TO GIVE
TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE PROVINCE A CLEAR
UNDERSTANDING OF THE POSSIBILITIES AND PROBLEMS OF
THIS OUTSTANDING FEATURE OF OUR SOUTHERN ONTARIO
LANDSCAPE. YOU WILL IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZE HOW
COMPLEX A SITUATION DR. GERTLER UNDERTOOK TO STUDY.

I KNOW THAT YOU WILL WISH TO JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING BOTH DR. GERTLER AND HIS GROUP FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

THE PRIME MINISTER HAS MENTIONED IN HIS FOREWORD THAT IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY AT THIS TIME AND FOR VARIOUS REASONS TO DELETE SMALL PORTIONS OF THE REPORT AND A VERY FEW OF THE MAPS, BUT I ASSURE YOU THAT THESE DELETIONS DO NOT DETRACT FROM THE IMPACT AND DESIGN OF THE WORK. WE HAD PROFESSOR GERTLER'S ASSISTANCE IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS EDITION. IT HAS NOT BEEN REWRITTEN AND NO CHANGES OTHER THAN A FEW MINOR ONES BY THE AUTHOR HAVE BEEN MADE.

THE RELEASE OF THE REPORT DOES NOT IMPLY THAT WE ACCEPT ALL ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT I ASSURE YOU THAT NUMEROUS MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW ITS CONTENTS. THE CABINET COMMITTEE ON POLICY DEVELOPMENT, AFTER DISCUSSION, SUGGESTED THAT THE ONTARIO PARKS INTEGRATION BOARD SHOULD CONSIDER THE REPORT AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS. IT IS LARGELY A RESULT OF THAT BOARD'S DELIBERATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS THAT THE STUDY IS RELEASED TODAY.

I know that you will be able to find it in the newspaper
both the English and the French editions of the paper.

The Prime Minister's statement is as follows:

That it has been necessary at this time and for

various reasons to make these changes in the

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THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND FORESTS, AS YOU KNOW, ALREADY HAS SIZEABLE LAND HOLDINGS IN THE ESCARPMENT AREA. DEVILS GLEN PROVINCIAL PARK IS ON THE BROW OF THE GEORGIAN BAY PORTION. ITS AREA HAS RECENTLY BEEN SLIGHTLY ENLARGED. THE AREA OF CRAIGLEITH PROVINCIAL PARK ON THE SHORE OF THE BAY AT THE BASE OF THE FORMATION HAS BEEN ENLARGED; AND OVER 1,200 ACRES HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED PRIMROSE IN THAT STEEPLY ROLLING PART OF DUFFERIN COUNTY. ONE THOUSAND ACRES HAVE BEEN BOUGHT AT CYPRUS LAKE NEAR TOBERMORY, AND PARK DEVELOPMENT HERE HAS ALREADY BEGUN. IN ADDITION TO THESE PARKLANDS, THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND FORESTS HAS PURCHASED SIZEABLE HOLDINGS IN BRUCE PENINSULA FOR TIMBER AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT. THESE LANDS OR PARTS OF THEM COULD QUITE CONCEIVABLY BE USED FOR RECREATION.

THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND FORESTS, HUNTER AND
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AT THE EXTREME SOUTH END OF THE AREA ABOUT 550 ACRES HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED NEAR EFFINGHAM IN THE SHORT HILLS DISTRICT NEAR WELLAND^{AND} ST. CATHARINES. AND, OF COURSE, WE HAVE THE NIAGARA PARKS SYSTEM AT THE SOUTHERN TERMINUS OF THE CANADIAN SECTION OF THE ESCARPMENT WHERE THE NIAGARA PARKS COMMISSION IS WELL AWARE OF, AND IS MAKING INTENSE USE OF, ITS PORTION OF THE ESCARPMENT. ITS RECENT NEWS RELEASE INDICATES THAT THEY ARE LOOKING TO THE FUTURE.

THE CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ARE ALSO WELL ENTRENCHED ON THE ESCARPMENT IN PLACES LIKE ST. JOHNS, BALLS FALLS, BEAMER MEMORIAL, TEWS FALLS, MOUNT NEMO, RATTLESNAKE POINT, KELSO, TERRA COTTA, BELFOUNTAIN, EUGENIA FALLS, INGLIS FALLS, COLFOY RANGE AND SKINNER BLUFFS CONSERVATION AREAS, AND THERE ARE OTHERS. I NAME THESE AREAS TO ILLUSTRATE THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE PROVINCE ALREADY HAVE A FOOTHOLD ON THE ESCARPMENT AND THAT THE CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ARE A BIG FACTOR IN THIS MATTER.

THE TWO DEPARTMENTS, ENERGY AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, AND LANDS AND FORESTS, HAVE MAPPED OUT AREAS OF MAJOR INTEREST AND AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED WHICH WILL ELIMINATE DUPLICATION OF EFFORT.



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I DO NOT WISH TO GIVE YOU A FALSE IMPRESSION THAT ALL OF THE AREAS WERE ACQUIRED AFTER THE REPORT WAS SUBMITTED, FOR THE PROGRAM WAS STARTED SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE THE STUDY, AND HAS CONTINUED DURING ITS PREPARATION AND SINCE. THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE PARKS INTEGRATION BOARD INDICATE THE EXTENT OF ACTIVITY IN LAND ACQUISITION ALONG THE ESCARPMENT AND ELSEWHERE.

THE DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS HAS BEEN GIVING MUCH ATTENTION TO THE REPORT AND HAS OUTLINED THE PROCEDURES WHICH IT WILL HAVE TO FOLLOW IF WE DECIDE TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN. THE TREASURY BOARD HAS ACTIVELY INVESTIGATED MOST ASPECTS OF THE MATERIAL CONTAINED IN THE REPORT AND IS PREPARING INFORMATION ON COSTS AND BENEFITS.

THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY HAS HAD AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THIS REPORT AS WITNESSED BY THE FACT THAT IT WAS INITIATED AND PAID FOR BY THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BRANCH OF THAT DEPARTMENT. THEY HAVE BEEN ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE REPORT SINCE ITS RECEIPT.

A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON THE ESCARPMENT AREA BY ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE BRUCE TRAIL ASSOCIATION, WHICH DESERVE A GREAT DEAL OF CREDIT FOR ARRANGING WITH LOCAL LAND OWNERS FOR PERMISSION FOR TRAIL WALKERS TO CROSS PRIVATE LAND. THIS WAS AN ACHIEVEMENT OF CONSIDERABLE MERIT. THE FEDERATION OF ONTARIO NATURALISTS HAS FOR A LONG TIME BEEN EXTOLLING THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS LAND FEATURE, AS HAS THE CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF ONTARIO.

THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND FORESTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT HAVE BOTH AGREED TO THE PRIORITIES AWARDED IN THE MATTER OF LAND ACQUISITION. THE LAND PURCHASED FOR THE FORMER BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WILL FORM PART OF THE PROVINCIAL PARKS SYSTEM. THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT WILL ARRANGE FOR LAND ACQUISITION THROUGH CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES WHICH WILL DEVELOP SUCH LANDS INTO CONSERVATION AREAS. IN THE CASE OF BOTH DEPARTMENTS THE ACQUISITION OF LAND WILL PROCEED WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS OF THE BUDGETARY PROVISION THAT CAN BE MADE.

The first part of the paper discusses the importance of the study of the history of the United States. It is argued that a knowledge of the past is essential for a full understanding of the present. The author then goes on to discuss the various factors which have shaped the development of the United States, including the influence of the British, the Spanish, and the French. He also discusses the role of the American people in the creation of the nation. The second part of the paper discusses the various problems which have faced the United States since its independence. These include the problem of slavery, the problem of the frontier, and the problem of the industrial revolution. The author argues that these problems have all been solved by the American people, and that the United States is now a free and democratic nation. The third part of the paper discusses the future of the United States. The author argues that the United States has a great future ahead of it, and that it is the duty of the American people to make the most of this future. He concludes by saying that the United States is a great nation, and that it is the pride of the American people to be a part of it.

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MANY PERSONS AND GROUPS WILL BE ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN THIS REPORT. WE HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COPIES TO BE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND FORESTS MAP AND SURVEY RECORD OFFICE, ROOM 5427, WHITNEY BLOCK AND AT 30 GROSVENOR STREET IN TORONTO, AT A NOMINAL PRICE OF \$2.00 PER COPY. CHEQUES OR MONEY ORDERS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE TREASURER OF ONTARIO.

PROFESSOR GERTLER HAS SUBMITTED TWO OTHER REPORTS -- ONE DEALING WITH THE EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES IN THE NIAGARA ESCARPMENT AREA AND THE OTHER CONSIDERING THE FRUIT BELT. BOTH ARE RECEIVING CONSIDERATION SO THAT GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS CAN BE MADE KNOWN IN DUE COURSE.

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